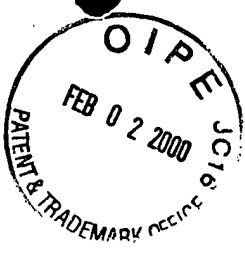


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROTO OKAWARA) : Examiner: Christensen, A.
Application No.: 08/877,728) : Group Art Unit: 2712
Filed: June 18, 1997) :
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS) :
Date: February 2, 2000

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 2, 1999,
the date for responding to which has been extended by the
accompanying Petition for Extension of Time to and including
February 2, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified
application as follows: